

## Janet Joy Vansickel

Janet Joy Vansickel was born on a snowy October day to Charles and Hazel (Short) Vansickel. They were blessed with twins (it was a two for one deal) on October 25, 1947 in Deadwood, SD. Janet grew up on the family ranch in Opal, SD, where her and her twin made very special memories. She attended grade school at Howell School in Opal, SD. Janet graduated from Sturgis High School in 1965. From there she attended Dakota Wesleyan College in Mitchell, SD. While Janet attended college, she came home to teach and tutor homeschool. Janet found her love for teaching at Marcus, SD, then she found her forever home in the Meade School District, where she never left the first grade for 32 years at Piedmont and Stagebarn Elementary. Teaching was the love of her life. She may not have had children of her own, but every little life she touched was her own special blessing.

Janet was diagnosed with cancer in 2013, where she fought a lengthy illness with cancer for 9 years until the Good Lord called her home. Janet, 73, passed away Friday, February 5, 2021, at Sturgis Monument Hospital in Sturgis, SD.

Blessed with sharing in Janet's life is her mother, Hazel; one brother, Charles "Chuck" Vansickel of Sturgis; two sisters, Judy (Ronnie) Joens of Black Hawk and Marie Vansickel of Sturgis; one nephew, Edward (Sloan) Joens of Black Hawk; two nieces, Danelle (Kody) Kanard of Gillette, WY, and Sammi Vogel of Summerset; three great-nieces, Selena Vogel of Summerset, and Heather and Jessica Joens of Black Hawk; three great-nephews, Donald Joens of Black Hawk, and Kylan and Keenan Kanard of Gillette, WY; and a very special friend, Marti Hansen of Sturgis.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Oscar and Juanita Vansickel; maternal grandparents, Ralph and Joy Short; her father, Charles Vansickel; and brother, Merle.

A memorial has been established to the Delbridge Ministry.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



In Loving Memory Of

# Janet Joy Vansickel

October 25, 1947- February 5, 2021



# God Saw You Getting Tired



God saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be  
So he put His arms around you  
And whispered "Come to me."

With tearful eyes we watched you  
As you slowly slipped away  
And though we loved you dearly  
We couldn't make you stay.



Your golden heart stopped beating  
Your tired hands put to rest  
God broke our hearts  
To prove to us  
He only takes the best

## *In Memory Of* **Janet Joy Vansickel**

### ***Born***

October 25, 1947  
Deadwood, South Dakota

### ***Died***

February 5, 2021  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### ***Funeral Service***

Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel  
Sturgis, South Dakota

### ***Officiating***

Pastor Harold Delbridge

### ***Musician***

Danny Chapman

### ***Musical Selections***

"Take My Hand, Precious Lord" "Softly and Tenderly"  
"Dancing in the Sky" "H.O.L.Y." "One Hell of an Amen"

### ***Pallbearers***

Ryan Vig Bret Hanson  
Tom Goddard Jack Overland Randy Berg

### ***Final Resting Place***

Bear Butte Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*The family would like to extend a special thank you to Janet's caregivers at Monument Health Rapid City and Sturgis Hospitals. We will be forever grateful for the kindness and care provided to Janet at both facilities.*